

## FISCAL NOTE

### SB 2128 - HB 2333

January 24, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each school system to develop and transmit a *pest management program* to the Department of Education. The department shall develop a plan for implementation by each school system that will operate to reduce or eliminate, whenever possible, the exposure of children in public schools to chemical pesticides. In order to receive an exemption from developing a pest management program, a school system will be required to present a finding demonstrating the economic burden of implementing the program. The department shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly describing the efforts taken and the progress made toward reducing pesticide use in public schools.

The department shall appoint a contact person to assume responsibility for reporting to the General Assembly, oversight of pest management practices and record keeping requirements. Universal notification shall be required by the school system for all pest control methods and products.

#### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Less than \$100,000**

Estimate assumes:

- a state cost of less than \$100,000 for the development of a plan for implementation by each school system, the submission of an annual report and any additional staff required to assume responsibility for reporting, oversight and record keeping requirements.
- to the extent school systems implement pest control management programs (unless otherwise exempted from development of such programs) that exceed or change what is already being done in the schools, local government expenditures will increase. Such increase will depend upon what additional pest control measures will be required to be taken; however, such increase is estimated to be less than \$100,000.
- a not significant local cost for the posting and mailing of notices and additional staff time for record keeping.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

#### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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